

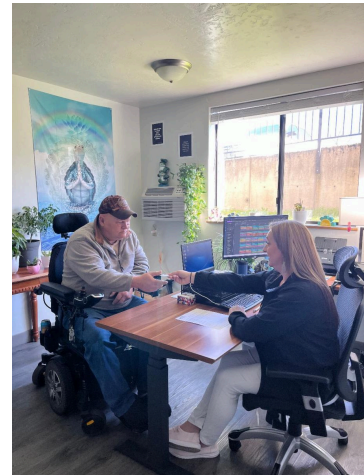
inside OHRA

the latest news and happenings

Dear Friends,,

In this issue we're highlighting our Navigators, who serve as the backbone of our Resource Center, support our Shelter, and create relationships with people who are unhoused in our community to increase their awareness of resources. Although I'll venture to say our Navigators here at OHRA are among the most effective in our region, I'll admit I'm somewhat biased.

The truth is that navigators, in the spirit of the term, permeate our community. If you go into our local Chamber of Commerce, you'll find a staff person or volunteer who understands the business environment and can steer you in the right direction: that's a navigator.



If you go into our Parks and Recreation office, you'll find a "navigator" with deep knowledge about our hiking trails, parks, and creeks. You'll likely walk away with a map and armed with the knowledge to access those resources.

You'll also find navigators in churches, hospitals, insurance offices and more. Navigators create the often-hidden capacity that keeps our community educated, safe and healthy.

At OHRA, our Navigators have in-depth knowledge about resources available in our community related to housing, mental health, substance use, and a myriad of other needs. They build trusting relationships and work closely with community members to meet their needs in a non-judgmental setting.

Below we highlight OHRA's upcoming Street Outreach Navigation program and the Navigators spearheading it.

Warmest Regards,



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OHRA is looking for a new volunteer to join our Mail Team. Mail Team members sort and organize mail for our shelter guests and those guests who do not have an address. Click below If you are interested in this position, or you would like to stay informed about other opportunities to volunteer.

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OHRA's Upcoming Street Outreach Navigation

Meet James and Ernesto,

James and Ernesto are the OHRA Bilingual Outreach Navigators spearheading our upcoming Street Outreach Navigation program.

James (pictured left) has lived in the Rogue Valley for 4 years, during this time he worked for the Ashland Library while starting to get involved in the emergency weather shelter and community meals. James found OHRA after researching more community resources. His favorite part of working at OHRA is that his coworkers are delightful and fun to work with.



Ernesto (pictured right) worked in various law firms in Medford following the completion of his Masters of Legal Studies degree. After burning out, he saw there was an open position at OHRA. With hopes that this next step would be more rewarding, he started his position and soon found that his hopes were validated. Ernesto's two favorite parts of working at OHRA are the people he works with and the positive impact he has on our guests' lives.

Our new Street Outreach Navigation program is currently in the building phase. In the mean time, James opens the Ashland Library Saturday mornings for a small community breakfast gathering. This offers an opportunity for folks to come in out of the cold and have a bite to eat earlier in the day. Otherwise, the library doesn't open until noon on Saturdays.

We hope to spread the word of who we are and what we do with our Ashland community by hitting the streets of downtown, going into local businesses, introducing the street team, and letting them know they can use OHRA as a resource. We are also reaching out to local churches that have a large Hispanic population to increase outreach to the Latinx community.



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